

*Washington, D.C.* -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey today announced that a \$45 million contract has been awarded by the U.S. Navy to Lockheed Martin's Owego facility. Lockheed is going head-to-head with Boeing for a long term project to develop cargo unmanned aerial systems to keep Marines out of harm's way in Afghanistan. The contract announced today will allow Lockheed to move into the next phase of that competition, with 90 percent of the work being done by workers at the firm's Owego facility.

"This award is yet another reminder of the significant talent and potential of Owego's Lockheed Martin workforce," said Hinchey. "This \$45 million contract will benefit the whole community by ensuring jobs associated with the program stay here in New York. I will continue to work with the Department of Defense to ensure that the Tioga County facility continues to receive full consideration as this program develops and other contract opportunities present themselves. This is great news for the workforce in Owego."

The Navy's announcement follows: Lockheed Martin Corp., Owego, N.Y., is being awarded a \$45,779,349 firm-fixed-price contract for the procurement of two cargo unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and pre-deployment readiness activities in support of cargo UAS services in Afghanistan. In addition, this contract provides for required modifications of the UASs. Work will be performed in Owego, N.Y. (90 percent), and Bloomfield, Conn. (10 percent), and is expected to be completed in August 2011. This contract was competitively procured via an electronic request for proposals, with two offers received. Contract funds in the amount of \$45,779,349 will expire at the end of the current fiscal year. The Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md., is the contracting activity (N00019-11-C-0013).